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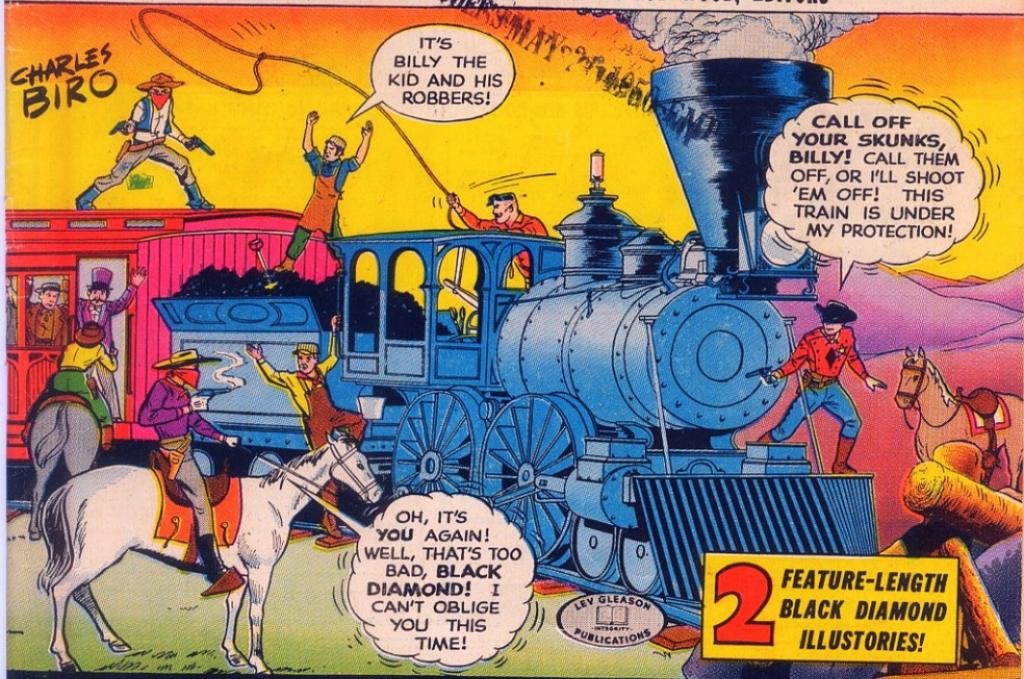
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# BLACK DIAMOND

MEETS BILLY THE KID IN LINCOLN COUNTY WAR!

BUMPER!  
YOU'VE BEEN  
HIT!

DON'T STOP  
FOR ME, DIAMOND—  
THE KID'S GETTING  
AWAY... YOU GO  
GET HIM!

ADIOS, MASKED MAN!  
YOU'LL SEE BILLY THE KID  
AGAIN—OVER YOUR DEAD  
BODY! VAMOS  
CABALLO!



IN 1879 JOHN CHISUM AND ALEX McSWAIN, DETERMINED TO ESTABLISH A MONOPOLY OF THE STOCK-GRAZING BUSINESS AND MAKE THEMSELVES IN TRUTH THE CATTLE KINGS OF THE PECOS VALLEY, DROVE IN 80,000 HEAD OF CATTLE! THE HERDS OF SMALL RANCHERS WERE SWEEPED AWAY AS IN AN AVALANCHE! THESE MEN THEN BANDED TOGETHER AND PREPARED FOR DEADLY CONFLICT! IT WAS AT THIS POINT THAT CHISUM AND McSWAIN HIRED THE MOST FEARED GUNMAN AND MURDERER IN THE SOUTHWEST, BILLY THE KID! SO STARTED THE LINCOLN COUNTY WAR!

WE'RE IN LINCOLN COUNTY NOW, BUMPER! THE TOWN SHOULDN'T BE TOO FAR AHEAD!

BY GOLLY, BOB, THIS NEW MEXICO IS HOTTER THAN A PLATE OF HOT TAMALES!



THAT SMOKE MEANS THE TOWN IS JUST OVER THE CREST OF THAT HILL! I'D BETTER GET INTO MY BLACK DIAMOND OUTFIT TO AVOID BEING RECOGNIZED LATER!

GOOD IDEA, BOB! THIS IS DANGEROUS TERRITORY WITH THE RANCHERS SPLIT INTO TWO FACTIONS!



WE'RE REALLY GETTING THE ONCE-OVER FROM THE LOCAL CROWD!

LOOK, PETER—STRANGERS—AND ONE WEARS A MASK!

HERE'S THE LAW OFFICE, DIAMOND!

"SHERIFF MARION TURNER!"  
HMM! I'VE HEARD A LOT OF GOOD THINGS SAID ABOUT HIM!

WHY—IT'S THE BLACK DIAMOND! I'D RECOGNIZE YOU ANY PLACE! WHAT BRINGS YOU TO OUR NECK OF THE WOODS?

TRouble, SHERIFF TURNER, TROUBLE!

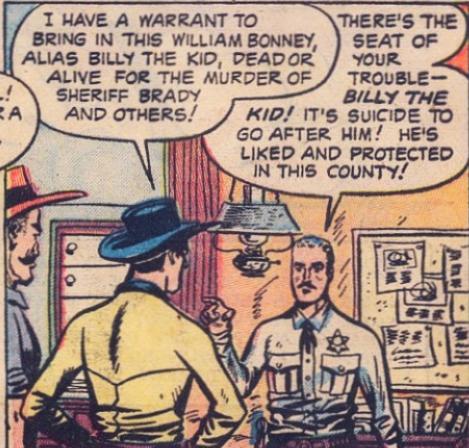


I'LL BE BRIEF! THE LINCOLN COUNTY WAR WITH SHOOTINGS IN COLD BLOOD BY BOTH SIDES MUST STOP! AS TERRITORIAL MARSHAL, I'VE BEEN ASSIGNED BY GOVERNOR LEW WALLACE TO CALL A HALT TO THESE UGLY HOSTILITIES! IF THEY DON'T STOP, THE TROOPS WILL BE CALLED IN, AND BOTH SIDES WILL BE TREATED AS OUTLAWS!

I'M AS ANXIOUS TO STOP IT AS YOU ARE, MARSHAL! IT ISN'T SAFE FOR A MAN TO WALK THE STREETS!

I HAVE A WARRANT TO BRING IN THIS WILLIAM BONNEY, ALIAS BILLY THE KID, DEAD OR ALIVE FOR THE MURDER OF SHERIFF BRADY AND OTHERS!

THERE'S THE SEAT OF YOUR TROUBLE—  
BILLY THE KID! IT'S SUICIDE TO GO AFTER HIM! HE'S LIKED AND PROTECTED IN THIS COUNTY!



HE'S GATHERED AROUND HIM A BAND OF DESPERADOES THAT HAVE DEFIED COUNTY, TERRITORY AND U.S. AUTHORITIES! THEY NUMBER MORE THAN A HUNDRED! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO REACH HIM ALONE!

SO I'VE BEEN TOLD! IT LOOKS LIKE WE MUST MEET FORCE WITH STRONGER FORCE! SURELY THERE MUST BE ENOUGH MEN IN THIS COUNTY WHO WOULD JOIN US!

OF COURSE! THE ANTI-CHISUM FACTION IS STRONG AMONG THE SMALLER RANCHERS IN LINCOLN, WHO CONCEIVE THEIR RIGHTS HAVE BEEN TRAMPLED ON BY THE KID!

IT'S NOW OR NEVER! THE KID'S POPULARITY GROWS EACH DAY! WE'VE GOT TO SETTLE HIM NOW! CALL YOUR POSSE!



THEY'RE ALL HERE, DIAMOND! ONLY THIRTY-FIVE MEN AGAINST THE KID'S SIXTY-THREE, BUT EVERY MAN'S AN EXPERT WITH A RIFLE, AND CAN BE DEPENDED ON IN AN EMERGENCY!

YOU CAN'T ASK FOR MORE! ARE YOU READY, MEN?

LET'S RIDE!

YIP-YIP-YIPPEE!



MANY MEN RIDE FROM TOWN TO SEEK YOU TO BATTLE! THEY SPEAK OF DEATH AND VENDETTA! LEADING THEM IS THE SHERIFF AND A MASKED MAN UPON A MIGHTY STALLION CALLED BY NAME EL DIAMANTE NEGRO!!

THE BLACK DIAMOND! SO TURNER'S BROUGHT IN SOME HELP! WELL, BY JINGLE HE'LL NEED IT!



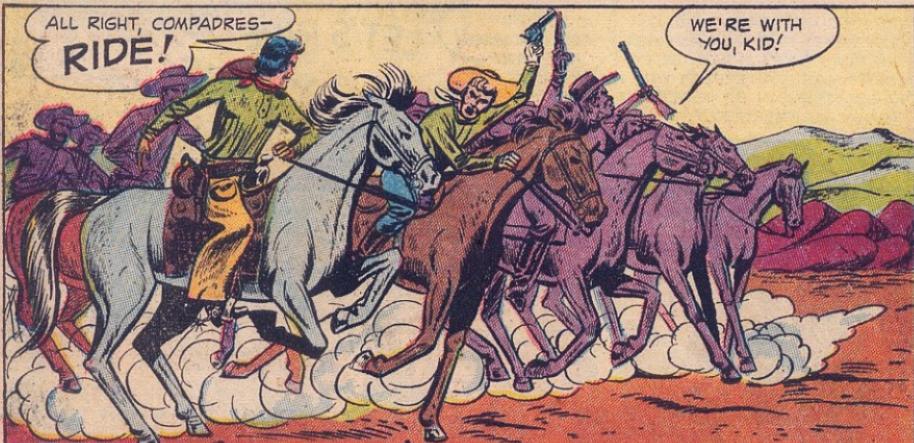
O'FALLAHER! ROUND UP THE CROWD! WE'RE RIDIN' TO THE CANYON TO MEET TURNER'S BOYS!

RIGHT, KID!



ALL RIGHT, COMPADRES—  
RIDE!

WE'RE WITH YOU, KID!



WE'VE BEEN OUT TWO DAYS, TURNER! HOW DO THINGS LOOK?

TRAIL'S GETTING HOTTER, DIAMOND! THAT NARROW CANYON AT THE MOUTH OF THOSE LOW FOOTHILLS IS AN OLD RENDEZVOUS OF THE KID'S!



DIAMOND! AHEAD—LOOK!

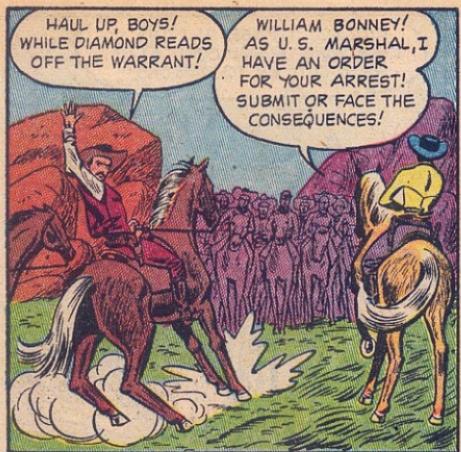
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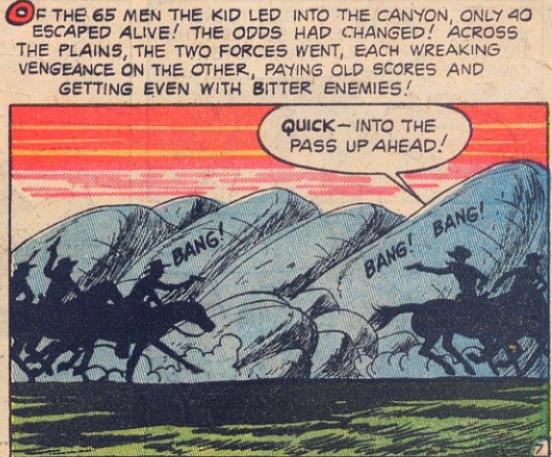
KID! THERE'S THE POSSE COMING TOWARD THE CANYON!

I SEE 'UM! HALF YOU BOYS RIDE BACK TO PROTECT THE RAMP! WE'LL HOLD 'EM!









THIS RUNNING FIGHT'S LASTED TWO DAYS NOW, DIAMOND—WITH SCARCELY A STOP FOR FOOD AND WATER! BY THIS TIME THERE'S ONLY ABOUT 25 OF US LEFT ON BOTH SIDES! HOW LONG CAN WE GO ON?

I DON'T KNOW, TURNER, I DON'T KNOW!

DIAMOND! TURNER!

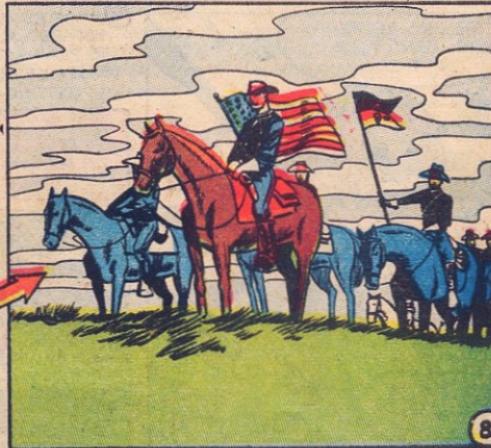
I SNUCK UP TO THE KID'S CAMP LIKE YOU TOLD ME! I HEARD THEM SAYING THAT CHISUM WAS SENDING RE-ENFORCEMENTS!

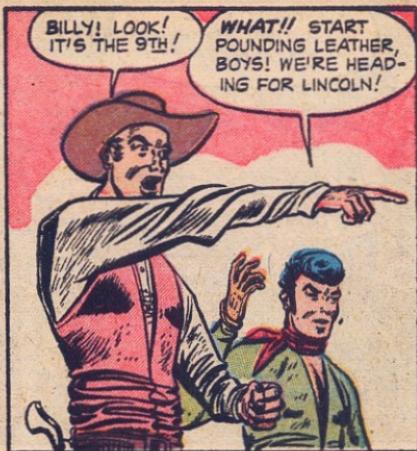
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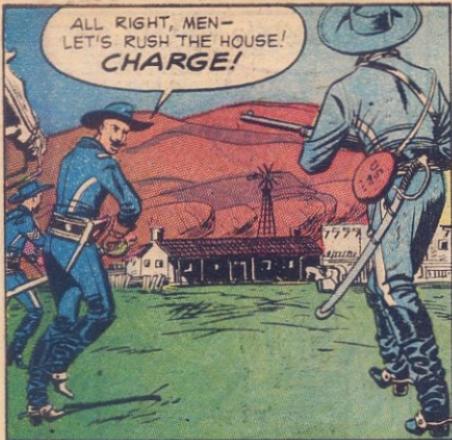
BUMPER! QUICK—MOUNT EL LOBO AND RIDE FOR THE FORT! TELL COLONEL DUDLEY TO BRING THE 9TH CAVALRY—

AND HURRY! THIS IS OUT OF OUR HANDS NOW!

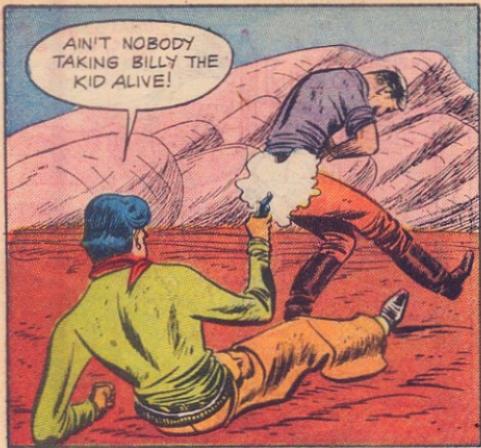
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THAT'S THE WAY I LIKE TO SEE DANGEROUS DAN GO OUT OF HERE—IN A COFFIN! NOW WE'LL HAVE SOME LAW AND ORDER AROUND HERE!

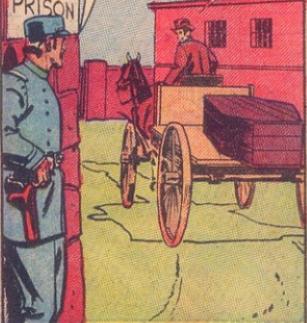
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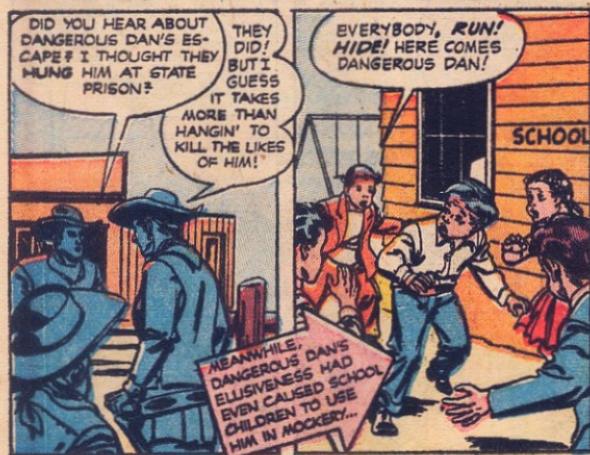
HANGING WAS TOO GOOD FOR HIM!

GOOD NEWS, CHIEF! DANGEROUS DAN WAS HANGED! THE NEWS JUST CAME IN BY TELEGRAPH FROM THE STATE PRISON!

GOOD! NOW THERE'S NO CHANCE OF HIS ESCAPING! HE WAS RUINING OUR BUSINESS WITH HIS HOLDUPS!

THAT'S \$500 WE'LL BE GLAD TO PAY OUT!







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I'M SORRY, MR. BAILEY, BUT THE BANK HAS TOO MUCH MONEY OUT AT THE PRESENT TIME - I COULD NEVER MAKE YOU A LOAN ON SUCH A QUESTIONABLE ENTERPRISE!



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J'LL GET RIGHT TO WORK ON IT! I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE—MAYBE SIX MONTHS! HOW CAN I CONTACT YOU?

I'LL BE AROUND FOR THE PAYOFF, DON'T WORRY!

BUT BEFORE DANGEROUS DAN LEFT TOWN...

ADIOS, AMIGO! THANKS FOR THE MONEY! IT WILL KEEP ME GOING UNTIL MY INVESTMENT PAYS OFF!

BANK

LATER... MONTHS LATER...

...SO BAILEY FINALLY COMPLETED HIS RAILROAD! THE FIRST TRIP WILL BE MADE AT TWO O'CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON! I'LL HAVE TO COLLECT MY FIRST DIVIDEND!

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ITS FIRST TRIP  
ON  
WED. AT 2:00 P.M.  
ALL INVITED TO  
THE INAUGURAL



FIVE MILES OUT OF TOWN...

I WONDER WHAT'S HOLDING UP THAT TRAIN? IT SHOULD'VE PASSED HERE AN HOUR AGO! I'M GETTING TIRED OF WAITIN'!



...AND HERE'S WHAT'S HOLDING UP THE TRAIN, TWO MILES FROM WHERE DANGEROUS DAN IMPATIENTLY WAITS...

C'MON, BOYS! AFTER WE GET HOLD OF THE GOLD THEY'RE CARRYIN', WE WON'T HAVE TO STEAL FOR ANOTHER MONTH! STOP THE TRAIN OR YOU'RE A DEAD COYOTE!

OKAY—I'M NOT ARGUING WITH GUNS!

BANG!

BANG!

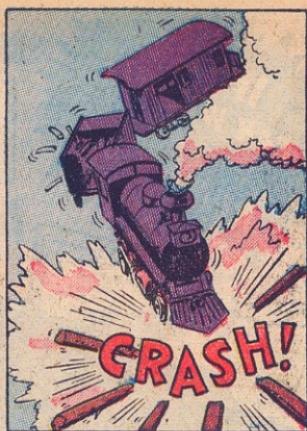




LATE THAT AFTERNOON--ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN...



HEY—THE ENGINEER'S GONE!  
AND THE TRAIN'S STILL MOVING!  
THE LOG PILE I PUT ACROSS  
THE TRACKS—WE'RE SURE  
TO CRASH!



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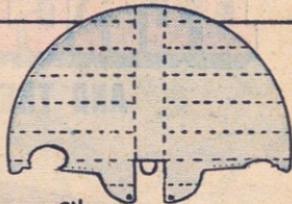
by C.H.  
MOORE



## THE TIPI

OF THE GREAT PLAINS INDIANS!

(TIPI IS THE INDIAN SPELLING - IT MEANS DWELLING PLACE)  
BUFFALO HIDE WAS ORIGINALLY USED TO COVER THE TIPI  
BUT WAS REPLACED BY CANVAS WHEN THE PIONEERS CAME!  
THE TIPI IS THE MOST COMMON THING ASSOCIATED WITH  
THE INDIANS, AND IS REMARKABLE FOR ITS SIMPLICITY,  
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PATTERN OF A CANVAS TIPI  
AND THE WAY THE PIECES WERE  
SEWED TOGETHER BY THE INDIANS!  
YOU CAN HAVE FUN MAKING AN  
INDIAN TIPI FOR YOUR YARD - IT  
WILL BE JUST LIKE THE ONES THE INDIANS  
USED IN THE OLD, WILD WEST DAYS!



FLOOR PLAN  
OF THE TIPI:

THE ENTRANCE  
OF THE TIPI  
ALWAYS FACED  
THE EAST!  
THE INDIANS WERE  
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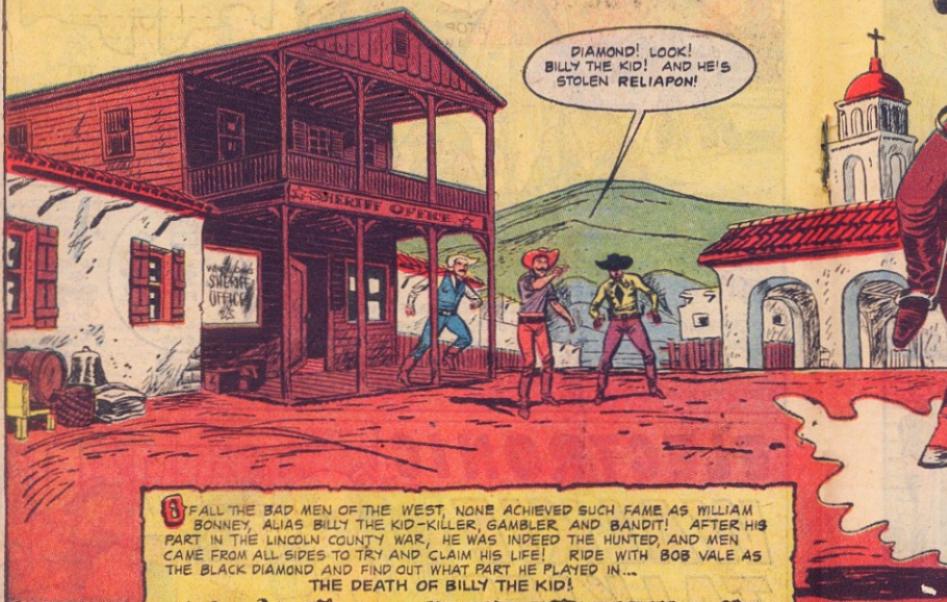
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# BLACK DIAMOND

## AND THE DEATH OF BILLY THE KID



**B**ELOW THE BAD MEN OF THE WEST, NONE ACHIEVED SUCH FAME AS WILLIAM BONNEY, ALIAS BILLY THE KID-KILLER, GAMBLER AND BANDIT! AFTER HIS PART IN THE LINCOLN COUNTY WAR, HE WAS INDEED THE HUNTED, AND MEN CAME FROM ALL SIDES TO TRY AND CLAIM HIS LIFE! RIDE WITH BOB VALE AS THE BLACK DIAMOND AND FIND OUT WHAT PART HE PLAYED IN...

### THE DEATH OF BILLY THE KID!

**1881** ...THE PRIVATE CAR OF CATTLE KING, CHARLIE GOODNIGHT, PRESIDENT OF THE CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF THE TEXAS PANHANDLE...



I'LL DO MY BEST, SIR! I HAVE A PERSONAL SCORE TO SETTLE WITH HIM!

USE EVERYTHING AT YOUR DISPOSAL—AND CONTACT YOUR MAN, POE, IF YOU CAN, ALSO SHERIFF GARRETT IN WHITE OAKS!

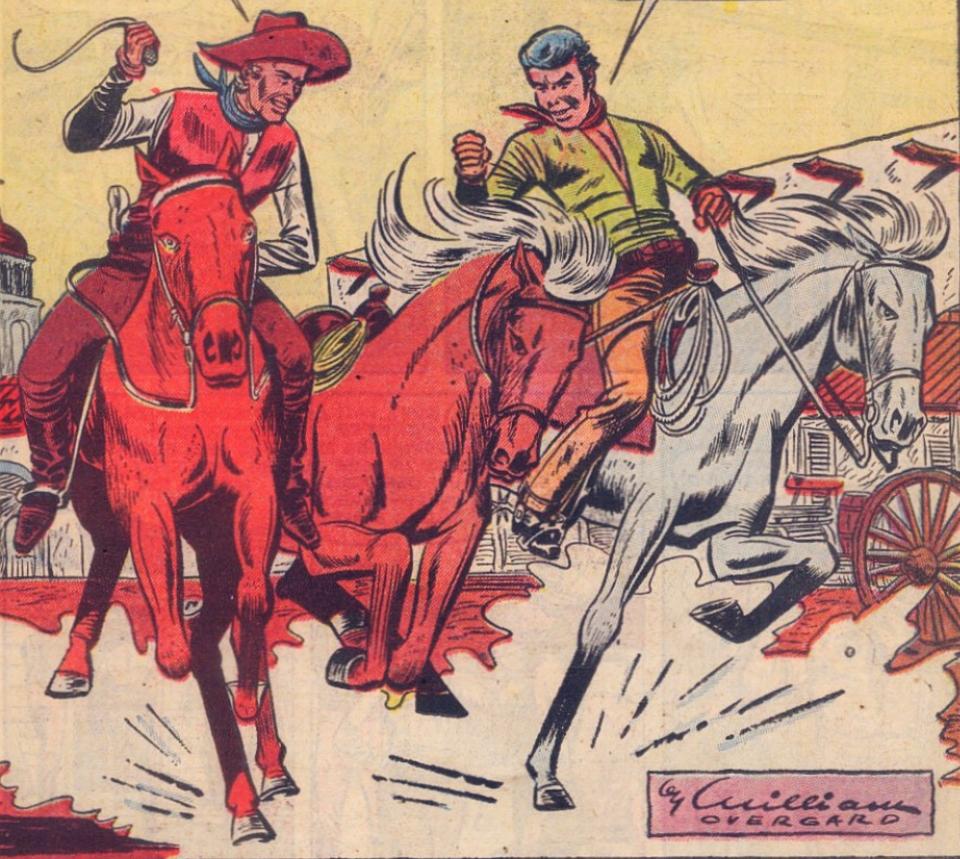
YES SIR, I'LL LEAVE AT ONCE!



WELL, DID WHAT DID WHO ARE THIS?

NICE GOING, KID!  
YOU REALLY ROPED  
HIM CLEAN!

AND FROM RIGHT UNDER  
THAT HICK MARSHAL'S NOSE! HA!  
I GUESS THAT WILL SHOW THEM BILLY  
THE KID DON'T FOOL AROUND!



by William  
OVERGARD

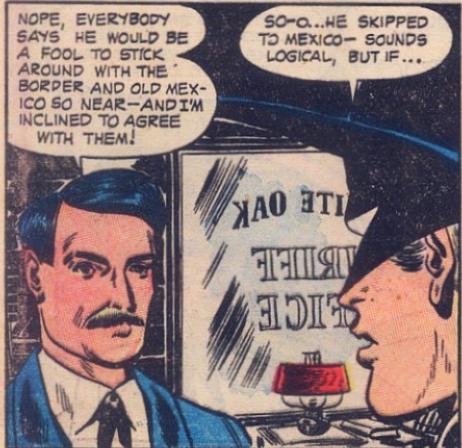
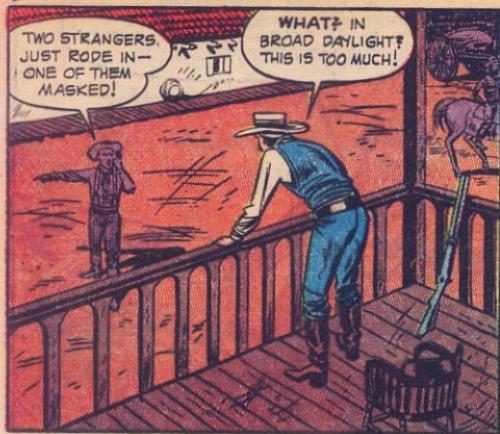


AN OLD FRIEND OF  
YOURS, BUMPER, WITH 21  
NOTCHES ON HIS  
GUN BUTTS!



RIGHT! SO STRADDLE  
EL LOBO AND LET'S MAKE  
TRACKS! WE'VE GOT MANY  
A MILE TO COVER!

THE BOOMING MINING TOWN OF WHITE OAK...

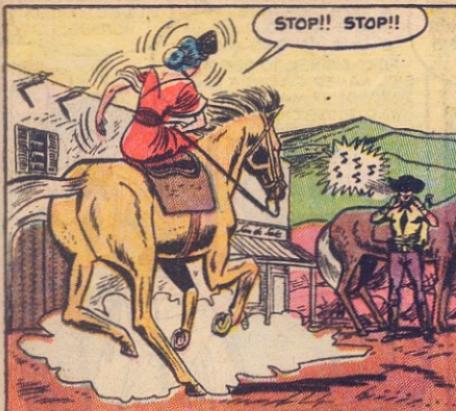








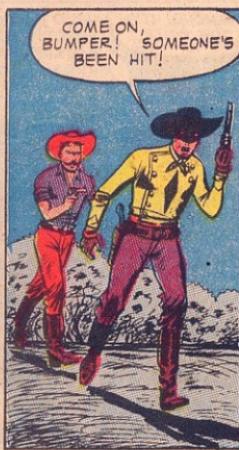
AT THE SOUND OF DIAMOND'S WHISTLE, RELIAPON REARS AND GALLOPS TOWARD HIS MASTER!









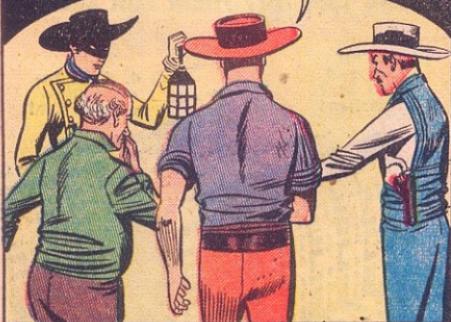


YOUR FIRST SHOT PENETRATED JUST ABOVE HIS HEART!

LOOK - HE HAD A 41 IN ONE HAND AND A BUTCHER KNIFE IN THE OTHER - READY TO THE LAST!

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR SHOUTING THE WARNING, DIAMOND! THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN ME LYING THERE!

THIS NIGHT WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY, PAT - YOU'VE PUT AN END TO A VIOLENT MURDERER! THE SOUTHWEST WILL BE A BETTER PLACE WITHOUT HIM!

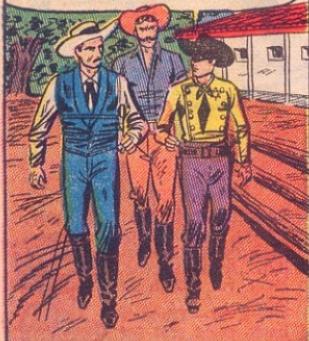


HE WASN'T FINICKY IN HIS KILLINGS! HE WAS AS BLITHE TO SHOOT A MAN IN THE BACK AS ANYWHERE ELSE - HE HAD NO CODE OF GUNMAN HONOR! YOU DID THE RIGHT THING!

HE WAS A PLEASANT KILLER - BILLY THE KID - AND THERE'LL BE PEOPLE WHO'LL THINK THE KID WAS TOO YOUNG AND GAY TO DIE IN THE DARK! YET HE GOT MERELY A TASTE OF WHAT HE HAD GIVEN OTHERS!

I SUPPOSE YOU'LL BE HEADING HOME NOW, DIAMOND!

YES, BUMPER AND I WILL BE LEAVING AT ONCE! GOOD LUCK, PAT!



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by CLAUDE  
MOORE

DRAWN ESPECIALLY  
FOR "BLACK DIAMOND"



"ASCENSION"

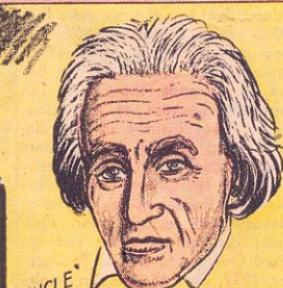
CHARLIE

CARRIED A WHITE SHEET  
AROUND IN HIS POCKET  
BECAUSE HE KNEW THE WORLD  
WAS GOING TO END SOON AND  
THAT EVERYBODY IN HEAVEN  
WORE WHITE SHEETS!



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"UNCLE"  
JOHN SMITH of Sheridan  
LOOKED SO MUCH LIKE  
ANDREW JACKSON, THAT WHEN  
THE PRESIDENT VISITED  
THE TOWN - THE PEOPLE  
LAUGHED AT HIM AND  
JEERED - THEY THOUGHT  
IT WAS "UNCLE JOHN"  
PLAYING A JOKE!

NO VEHICLE DRAWN BY MOAR  
THAN 1 ANIMALE IS ALOUD TO  
CROS THIS BRIDG IN THE  
OPPOSIT DIREXION AT THE  
SAM TIME!

SIGN ON A  
CALIFORNIA  
BRIDGE-1849!

WILD BILL WAS  
ATTACKED BY  
10 DESPERADOS,  
WHO WERE OUT  
TO FINISH HIM  
OFF, BUT -  
WILD BILL  
KILLED THEM  
ALL, SINGLE-  
HANDED -  
HOWEVER HE  
HAD 11 BULLET  
WOUNDS AND  
13 KNIFE WOUNDS  
IN HIS OWN BODY!



A SHORT TIME  
LATER HE WAS  
SHOT IN THE BACK  
AND DIED FROM  
IT!



SNAKS IS DANGERUS  
AROUND HERE BE CAREFUL!  
MANY BONES WERE  
FOUND ON THE GREAT PLAINS  
WITH MESSAGES WRITTEN  
ON THEM FOR THE PIONEERS  
TO COME LATER!

SOME CONTAINED HELPFUL  
ADVICE - WARNINGS OF THE  
UNSEEN DANGERS - AND SOME  
WERE JUST GREETINGS!



TRIGGER  
FRANK  
DUG HIS  
OWN GRAVE!  
FRANK DUG A GRAVE, IN WHICH HE  
PLANNED TO BURY SOUR TOM HICKS  
(THAT IS, AFTER HE SHOT HIM) !  
BUT TOM HEARD ABOUT IT - SHOT  
FRANK AND BURIED HIM IN THE GRAVE!

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THE NORTHWEST INDIANS WORE RAINCOATS! THEY WERE A WATERPROOF RONCHO MADE FROM WOVEN STRIPS OF CEDAR BARK! THEY ALSO LIVED IN WATERPROOF HOUSES MADE OF STRAW!

M. GLEASON

## STAMP PAGE by SIDNEY M. ELIAS

## Georgia

Do you know where Georgia is? No sir, this Georgia is not SOUTH of South Carolina, but is located in the southern tip of Russia in Europe. Its exact location is in the Caucasian Mountains, on the eastern shore of the Black Sea, and west of Azerbaijan.

The history of Georgia dates back long before Christ, for it has been estimated that people lived in this area 4,000 to 5,000 years ago. Although temporarily conquered and overrun at different times by the Arabs, the Turks, the Mongols, and the Persians, Georgia has lived through the ages and has been an independent kingdom for more than 2,000 years. It was in 1802, that Georgia lost its independence and was absorbed into the Russian Empire by Alexander the Great. This happened because at that time, Georgia was divided up, into domains ruled over by princes. These princes often fought among themselves and the Queen, who recently married a Russian prince, looked to Alexander to restore order. Alexander did restore order and annexed Georgia to Russia. In October, 1917, when the Russian Empire fell, Georgia again declared its independence by forming the Republic of Georgia. In 1922, Georgia together with its sister republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan formed the Transcaucasian Federation of Soviet Republics. The republics were later absorbed in the USSR (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) each with its own autonomous government.

The stamps of the Republic of Georgia like those of Azerbaijan, were printed on paper similar to that used in the making of this comic book. These stamps were crudely printed and very few of them actually were used on letters. There is a story that just before Georgia joined the Transcaucasian Federation, officials of the Republic who were going to lose their jobs, fled the country with the plates of these stamps and sold them to stamp dealers in Europe.

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# BLACK DIAMOND'S PAGE OF WESTERN LORE

BEGINNING - FAMOUS FRONTIERSMEN

## NO. 1 WILD BILL HICKOK

JAMES BUTLER HICKOK, REPUTED TO BE THE QUICKEST AND BEST SHOT THAT EVER LIVED! BORN IN KANSAS, HE ROAMED THE WEST WITH A RESPECTED REPUTATION THAT HE HAD KILLED FROM 38 TO 85 MEN - NOT COUNTING THOSE HE KILLED DURING THE WAR! A PICTURESQUE, WESTERN FIGURE, HE WAS SIX FEET TWO, WITH LONG, FLOWING HAIR!



His reputation began with the great McCauley fight in which he killed ten desperados in a hand-to-hand fight with rifle, revolvers, and knife!



During the Civil War, serving as a scout he is supposed to have killed up to 100 enemies with his rifle and pistols - by reason of his daring, he gained the title of "Wild Bill"!



His horse, Black Nell, was almost as famous as he! At a command, it would drop to the ground dead! Wild Bill won bets by having the horse lay down on pool tables!



He was an extraordinary two-handed shot! In Hays City he shot two men simultaneously as they entered a saloon from different directions!



As a shot he won his fame! Galloping past a telegraph pole, he could land five balls in a pole within a space of a palm's breadth!



He was killed in Deadwood at the age of 39, shot in the back by Jack McCall for a \$3.50 gambling debt, when for the first time he sat with his back unprotected - his first mistake - and his last!

Taurino (W)



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# THE DOUBLE SWITCHEROO

THE saloon doors swung open and crashed against the walls. Everyone in the room turned. "Hey! It's the Grady boys!" someone yelled. "Hi!"

Big Mike, owner of the Bulk Creek Bar, came forward to greet the two slim, cocky boys standing at the entrance. "Well, where've you been? I reckon it's been six months since you've been hanging around this bar of mine."

"Good to see ya, Mike," replied Tim Grady. "We've just come up from Texas—brought up a herd of longhorns for the Double A Ranch. Hi, Brodey! Howdy, Scratch!"

Conversation was lost in the deluge of greetings. The Grady boys were well liked in Fort Laramie. They were typical of the young, devil-may-care adventurers that swarmed through the town, except they were better natured and smarter than most.

Opportunists of the first water, Tim and Bud Grady had turned their hands—and their guns—to everything from bull-whacking to ranching. And they'd been lucky, too. Each time they returned to Fort Laramie for supplies and what they derisively called "a couple of weeks of restin' up," they were well loaded with the profits of their most recent projects. But their luck didn't extend to the gaming tables. It never took more than two weeks to clean their pockets as empty as the first day they'd left home, five years before.

Surrounded by their old friends, Tim and Bud Grady stepped up to the bar. "Drinks are on us!" Bud shouted to the bartender.

"Nix on that," replied Big Mike. "They're on the house. Now tell us what you've been up to. I didn't know the Double A was bringin' cattle up from Texas."

"Neither did they until this morning," laughed Tim. "We picked up the herd in San Antonio. The market's rock-bottom there 'cause they can't get the cattle shipped out. Then we brought 'em up here and checked in at the Double A to see if they were interested. They were—and at about a 400% profit, too."

Big Mike shook his head in awe. "Man, oh, man, how you two kids fall into easy money the way you do is more than I can figure out. Well,

I guess you fall *out* of it just as easy, too."

"Not this time," said Bud. "We've got plans, Mike—big plans. This cattle money can double and quadruple, just the way it did this time. Cattle is the biggest thing in the West."

"Except Leadville," Tim added flatly.

"Aw, Leadville's nothing but a flash in the pan," sneered Bud. "A couple of guys will get the big strikes and ten thousand little guys will go broke trying to match 'em. Then there'll be a crash, and bingo—another ghost town! Anyway, as I was saying, if we plow our profits from this deal right back into Texas longhorns, we'll be rich men within a year or two. Not so bad, huh?"

"Not half as good as this Leadville deal. Look here!" Tim pulled a battered clipping out of his pocket. "Leadville Boom Surpasses All Others!" he read. "There's a fortune in that town—and I don't mean in ore, either. Leadville's going to be loaded with gold miners. And I don't care if they're lucky or not, they've got to have equipment. All we gotta do is load some wagons with all the hardware we can carry, and we'll resell that stuff for a fortune!"

Bud jerked his head at Tim impatiently. "You're nuts! There's two hundred miles of the toughest freightin' in the country between here and there, and with winter comin' . . . ."

"Who's nuts? So we lose our herds in the winter blizzards between here and Texas? You're the one who's crazy!" snapped Tim.

"You low-down, ornery so-and-so!" Bud shouted. "You never have supplied any of the brains of this outfit! What makes you think you're so smart, you paper-collared storekeeper!"

Bud turned back to Big Mike in disgust, but Tim grabbed him by the shoulder and spun him around. "You pint-sized flea," Tim roared. "Who do you think you are? You're nothin' but a . . . ."

Big Mike cut in, grabbed both boys and held them apart. "Now just a minute, you two," he said. "If you're fixin' to have a fight in here, you can just think twice. Both of you calm down. Talk this here big deal over for a couple of days. You're too good a team to let a ruckus like this break you up. C'mon, have a drink."

Tim and Bud Grady did as Big Mike ordered, but they were still sullen, and you could see the fight was just beginning.

For the next two weeks, the arguments continued. Bud and Tim both stood firm. The one thing that they agreed on was not to throw their money away this time. All the enticements of Fort Laramie were lost on them. They could only think and talk of the riches of Leadville versus those of Texas. They sat at a corner table in Big Mike's bar, sometimes bickering and cursing, sometimes sitting in silent anger.

Finally Big Mike could stand it no longer. He joined them at the table. "Boys," he said, putting down his beer, "the time has come for you two to make up your minds. You both could be right. You both could be wrong. But only time and the winter can prove which is which. Why don't you divvy up your cash and each go your own gait. Then join up here next spring and see how you've gotten along. How about it?"

Tim and Bud thought for a minute, then both nodded silently. Bud handed the poke to Big Mike, who divided it into two equal piles, one for each. Bud got up slowly, shook hands with Big Mike and said slowly. "Well, I reckon I'll be moving out in the morning. See ya in the Spring. So long." And without a word to Tim or a backward glance, he strode from the saloon.

Tim Grady sat for a minute longer with Big Mike. "It's the first time we've been apart, Mike, but I guess it's just as well. I better get busy and see what kind of wagons and supplies I can get a hold of. Magasky wants to sell out his hardware stock, so I might as well get my bid in there. Thanks, Mike. I'll see ya before I leave town."

The whole town watched with interest as the Grady boys made their preparations, and there wasn't a man in town who didn't have strong feelings as to which one was on the right bent.

The following morning, Bud was ready to leave. He'd asked the Laramie bank to transfer his funds to San Antonio, his saddle bags were packed, his horse was waiting. Just before he left the hotel, he looked out the window to the dust-ridden main street below. There, leading a train of horses and empty freight wagons, was Tim, his brother. Silently he watched him, his expression inscrutable. Then, suddenly, he threw his saddle bags back on the bed and left the room.

Two hours later, he entered Big Mike's saloon. "Have you seen Tim around, Mike?" he asked. "He hasn't left yet, has he?"

"No," Mike replied, "he's around town looking for you, as a matter of fact. I think he has something to tell ya."

"That goes for me, too." Bud started toward the door. "I—wait, here he comes." Tim Grady swung through the door, stopped, hesitantly, when he saw Bud.

"Bud," he stammered, "I got to figgerin'. I..."

Bud interrupted quickly. "Wait till you see what I've got for you. I—I reckon it's sort of silly to head for Texas this late in the year. I guess I'll string along with you."

"Wha . . . !" Tim began.

Tim's exclamation was interrupted again. "Yeh," Bud continued, "I put my part of the poke into some more supplies for Leadville. Got a good bargain, too. All of Magasky's old hardware stock."

Tim looked at his brother aghast. "Well, I'll be—you bought *what*?" He burst into laughter, grabbed Bud by the arm and clapped him on the back. "Why, you consarned, knuckle-headed brother of mine! I shoulda known blood was thicker than money. You crazy galoot!"

Bud stepped back, a bit miffed at this hilarious reception of his brotherly gesture. "What's so crazy about . . . ?"

"Just this, you darned rascal," continued Tim, between bursts of laughter. "I bought my wagons last night, all right, then went over to close the deal with Magasky this morning. He told me he'd found a buyer who'd give him a better price! I hit the ceiling, but there wasn't much I could do about it. So you're that buyer! How much did he get from you?"

"\$5,400!" Bud replied. "Let's go back there and pick up the stuff. We'd better start moving. Where are your wagons?"

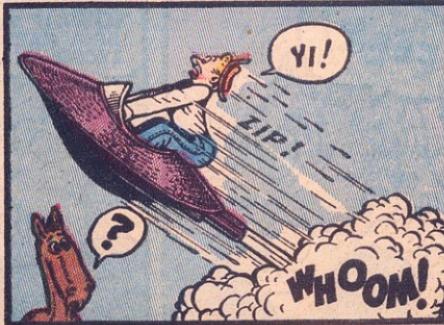
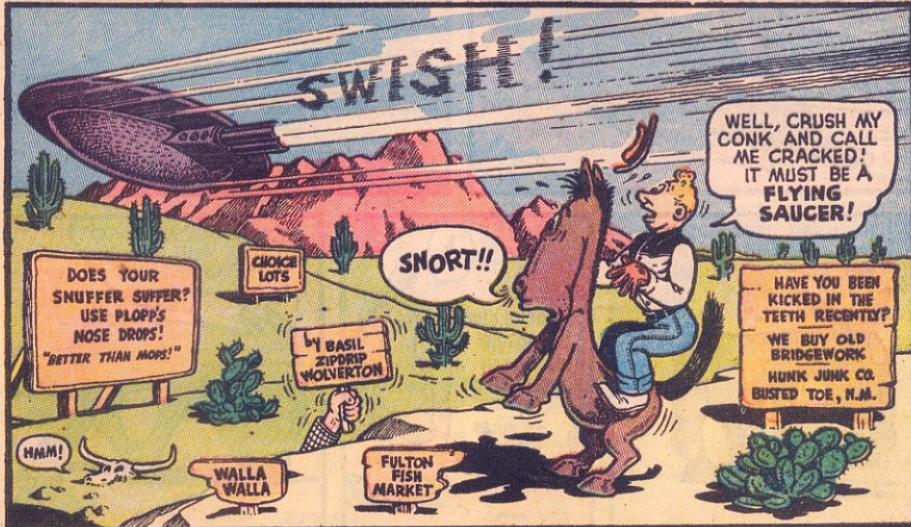
"That's—that's just it!" whooped Tim. "When I lost out on the hardware deal—ha! ha!—hee!—I resold the wagons, took the money and told the bank to transfer it to San Antonio. I decided to string along with you!"

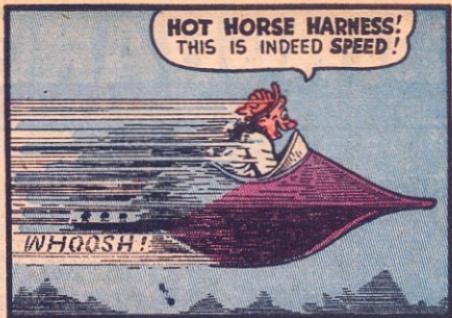
Bud stared incredulously, then started laughing, too. The two rolled against the bar, their sides aching with laughter. Big Mike, smiling broadly, put a couple of drinks in front of them. "Okay, boys," he said, "now that one of you has sent his money to Texas and the other has his tied up in hardware he can't transport, how about settling down for some good brotherly fun and forgetting these million-dollar debts?"

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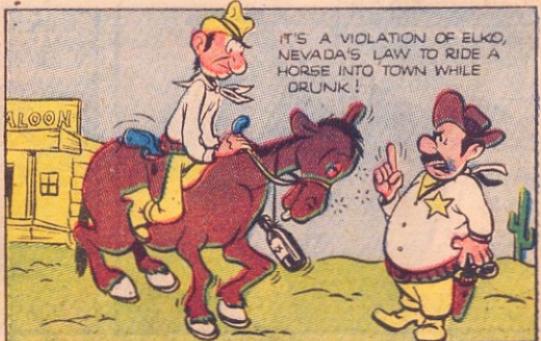
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